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SUBJ: STATUS REPORT ON AMNESTY LEGISLATION

REF: A. ANKARA 1780 B. ANKARA 1717

SUMMARY: DRAFT AMNESTY LEGISLATION IS REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE, BUT RESERVATIONS TO CERTAIN SECTIONS BY VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES MAY DELAY PASSAGE BY THE FULL ASSEMBLY. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO THE TURKISH PRESS OF MARCH 21, QUOTING JUDICIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN YALCIN OGUZ, THE COMMITTEE HAS REPORTED OUT THE DRAFT AMNESTY LEGISLATION TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO COME UP FOR DEBATE IN THE ASSEMBLY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28.

2. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THE RESERVATIONS OF THE INDIVIDUAL PARTIES ARE AS FOLLOWS: (A) THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) OBJECTS TO THE RECENTLY ADDED PROVISION ALLOWING MALE MEMBERS OF THE FORMER OTTOMAN ROYAL FAMILY TO RETURN TO TURKEY. (B) THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) OPPOSES AMNESTY FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WHO WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR PARTICIPATING IN PROTESTS

AND DEMONSTRATIONS. (C) THE JUSTICE PARTY (JP)AND
DEMOCARTIC PARTY (DP), WHO OBJECT TO AMNESTY FOR PERSONS
CONVICTED OF SPREADING COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA, MAY VOTE
AGAINST THE ENTIRE BILL IN ITS PRESENT FORM. THE DP ALSO
OPPOSES AMNESTY FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING THE EXPLOITATION
OF RELIGION FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.
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